

Seattle Human Services Department
Communities Supporting Safe and Stable Housing

SUMMARY of FRAMEWORK GOALS and THEMES

Investment Plan Goals

Creating intentional pathways to housing:

Create intentional pathways out of shelter to housing, especially for those who have resided there for a long time and are frequent users of shelters.

Integrating services to increase impact and efficiency:

- Increase early intervention services to stabilize families and youth to end the cycles that can lead to adult homelessness
- Create places where people can go to connect with care and support to stay in housing or move quickly into housing
- Increase integrated service system responses for families and individuals who are victims of domestic violence

Moving to a system that sets goals & measures success:

- Increase the number of people moving into housing
- Decrease reoccurrences of homelessness
- Reduce the length of stay in shelter

Exploring Investment Priorities (June 16, 2011)

Three common theme/priorities emerged from the small group reports.

1. **Client (individual and family)- centered approaches** (built on relationships, including peer to peer models)
2. **Services** that support an individual and family-centered approach
3. **Financing/Funding** (with flexibility)

Visualizing a Seamless System - Community "Launch" Meeting: (May 26, 2011)

Themes from drawings and small group discussion

- Person-centered approach
- One-size does not fit all / Multiple strategies needed
- Choice
- Collaboration
- Lateral connections
 - Eliminating competition
 - Small / Large agency partnerships
- Forecasting need
- Communities
- Resources (more; flexible; fluid; equitable; adequate)
 - Need for other systems/institutions to contribute funding and resources

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